

**Vermont Commission on Women
Special Meeting**

November 5th, 2014 12:00 p.m.

Via telephone conference call, public access at 126 State St., 2nd Flr., Conf. Rm., Montpelier VT

Commissioners present:

Marcia Merrill (Chair), Carol Buchdahl
Danielle Martel, Dr. Felicia Kornbluh
Laine Dunham, Melinda Moulton
Nancy LaVarnway, Kerry Secrest
Charlotte Dennett

Commissioners absent:

Eileen Boland, Susie Hudson
Gretchen Bailey, Lynn Batchelor
Shambulia Gadsden Sams, Ruth Finn
Jennie Gartner

Staff: Cary Brown, Lilly Talbert, Claire Greene

Presiding: Marcia Merrill **Recording:** Claire Greene

Introduction

The purpose of this meeting is to vote on approval of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Vermont Works for Women and the Vermont Women's Fund to create the Vermont Coalition to Change the Story for Women and Girls. As members of the Coalition we commit to aligning our voices and leveraging our resources so that the choices women and girls make about work and school reflect aspiration, ability, access and exposure to a full range of options.

MOTION

Motion made to accept the memorandum of understanding between the Vermont Commission on Women, the Vermont Women's Fund, and Vermont Works for Women.
Melinda Moulton made the motion, Felicia Kornbluh seconded.

Discussion

Immediate steps that the Commission will need to take were discussed. VCW will need to formally accept the \$45,000 grant award being offered by the Vermont Women's Fund for the purpose of researching and writing a report on the economic status of women in Vermont (to be added to the Commission's own \$15,000) and begin working with the Cabinet. Both Felicia and Charlotte are interested in being more engaged with the Coalition.

Roll Call Vote:

Marcia Merrill (Chair): Yes
Gretchen Bailey: Absent
Lynn Batchelor: Absent
Eileen Boland: Absent
Carol Buchdahl: Yes
Charlotte Dennett: Yes
Laine Dunham: Yes
Ruth Finn: Absent

Jennie Gartner: Absent
Susie Hudson: Absent
Dr. Felicia Kornbluh: Yes
Nancy LaVarnway: Yes
Danielle Martel: Yes
Melinda Moulton: Yes
Kerry Secrest: Yes
Shambulia Gadsden Sams: Absent

Motion to accept signing the memorandum of understanding with Vermont Works for Women and the Vermont Women's Fund for the Change the Story Initiative. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.